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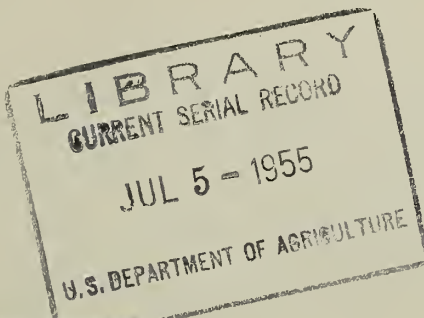
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For your information
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Dear Coworkers:

MORE ABOUT NATIONAL CAMP PLANS

Tentative program outline and the list of committee assignments should now have reached your desks. We are pleased about the prospects for Camp and appreciate the splendid cooperation we are having from both State coworkers and persons here in Washington. The attractive Camp sticker is one more indication of the excellent support of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Our thanks to them.

In making plans for your group's arrival in Washington, please note that we are on daylight saving time. Delegations that arrive early will have opportunity Wednesday, June 15, for State photographs, for delegates to be interviewed by the Assemblies Committee, and to visit the Washington Monument and the special 4-H exhibit in the patio of the USDA Administration Building. More and more States seem to be planning an early arrival.

SCHEDULING NATIONAL 4-H EVENTS

At this time of the year we are also reminded by a number of States that the dates for National 4-H Club Camp conflict with long established/^{State} events such as 4-H Club weeks and institutes on college campuses. In many cases the dates for these latter events are inflexible because of the need for using dormitories during the period between spring semester and summer school.

From a number of sources we have been receiving requests and suggestions relative to the possibility of combining several of the national 4-H Club events. We are well aware of the problems which arose this year as a result of the overlapping recognition of National 4-H Club Week and Girl Scout Week. You will recall that the Girl Scout organization changed its annual national observance this year to coincide with an important birthday in scouting work.

Currently the 4-H Development Committee on National Events headed by M. Pauline Rowe of Vermont as chairman is making an inquiry relative to these conflicts and problems. We hope that every State Extension Service will carefully consider the problems involved and recommend to Polly's committee any possible alternatives that seem pertinent. We are counseling with the National Extension Information Advisory Committee on this subject at its meeting here on May 4.

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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

With you, we join in sincere good wishes and congratulations to our coworkers in Home Economics programs on the occasion of National Home Demonstration Week, May 1-7. We join in reaffirming the theme that "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

4-H CLUBS IN KOREA

We recently had the thrilling opportunity to learn, at first hand, how 4-H Club work is being a significant force in helping a war-torn country. Colonel Charles A. Anderson, who assists the 4-H effort in Korea, told us about the potential opportunity and the need for 4-H in that country. Probably most of you know about the earlier work of Colonel Anderson in establishing 4-H work in Korea when he was stationed there on military assignment. Now, following his retirement from the Army, he is back in the area, serving voluntarily, and working through the American-Korean Foundation to spearhead revitalizing of the 4-H movement in Korea.

Recently, Colonel Anderson was back in this country to intercede for needed materials, particularly project materials, for 4-H members. His efforts have, so far, had fine response. We understand that in Texas, for instance, a whole shipload of supplies is now being assembled to go to Korea to help needy families and to assist 4-H members to establish and carry on effective projects.

Information can be supplied if your State would like a part in this activity.

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK

"Your Safety is in your Hands" is the slogan for observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Eisenhower said, "....I urgently request all farm workers to make safety inventories of their homes, farms, machinery, and equipment, and to cultivate careful work habits and attitudes. I also request all persons and organizations interested in farm life and welfare to join in a campaign to reduce the tragedies and losses caused by needless accidents." 4-H Clubs are already doing much in safety, but the President's stimulating message will give a renewed challenge.

CENTRAL STATES LEADERS MEET

Policies, problems, relationships, literature, foundations, studies, teen-age programs, leader training and using TV were some of the topics presented and discussed at the conference, April 20-22, in Lincoln, Nebraska. All twelve States were represented.

1954 ENROLLMENTS IN 4-H CLUB WORK

The enclosed summary of enrollments for 1954 shows that we have made gains all along the line in our effort to serve more young people. The increase is not spectacular, but it is general in every region and for practically every State. Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard to bring about these results.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETS

The 4-H Program Development Committee in Recreation and Rural Arts held a very productive meeting in Chicago last month. Many important topics were considered, but priority was given to 4-H camping and to plans for recreational activities leading to Club Congress. They noted the increase of 4-H talent and share-the-fun programs in all sections of the country. They also made plans for additional progress in developing appropriate literature. A full report of the meeting will be made after the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work has reviewed and accepted the plans as worked out by the group.

The Recreation and Rural Arts Committee has asked us to assemble and distribute a list of inter-state training events in this field. If you know of or participate in such an event, will you please indicate on the attached sheet. The final list will be developed in cooperation with Dr. Evlon Niederfrank.

DAIRY COMMITTEE DEVELOPS A "GUIDE"

The 4-H Dairy Program Development Committee with G. A. Lineweaver, Iowa, chairman, has developed a statement suggesting, "Ways in which Dairy Breed Associations and their members can cooperate in the 4-H Club Program." This should be a helpful guide for some very effective cooperative program development. A copy is enclosed.

You may want to bring it to the attention of your dairy extension specialist. Additional copies may be secured from our office.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Administrator's letter recently carried an announcement that 102 Moses scholarships of \$100 each, for advanced study in 4-H Club work had been awarded for this year. Those receiving the scholarships will attend one of the regional extension summer schools. Instructors for the 4-H Club courses are:

Arkansas - George Foster

Colorado - R. O. Monosmith

E. W. Aiton will teach the YMW course there -
the only such course any school will offer
this year.

Cornell - Cha Lang

Wisconsin - T. T. Martin

Prairie View - Lonnie Safley

Forty-eight scholarships for the summer workshop in human development and human relations, granted by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and sponsored by the National 4-H Club Foundation, have been awarded. Glenn Dildine, Director of the workshop, and the Cornell staff are in charge. These courses can mean much in renewed enthusiasm and increased "know how" on the part of Extension workers.

COLORADO EXTENSION SUMMER SCHOOL

This is just a last minute reminder of the YMW course to be offered for the first time in connection with the Extension Summer School at Colorado A & M, Fort Collins, June 27-July 15.

Ed Aiton, who will teach it, anticipates a lively class in view of the many developments currently under way in the different States. Both State and county Extension workers are welcome but program discussions will be based at the county level.

4-H LANDSCAPE PROGRAM AIDS

The response has been superb to the April 15 letter to State 4-H Club leaders and Extension specialists in landscaping and ornamental horticulture requesting advice as to the kinds of program aids or other materials needed in this field for 4-H Club members. Although there has been a delay in having someone come in to devote special attention to this area, your suggestions will be most helpful to this person.

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

Arrangements have been completed to hold this event in Washington with Howard University serving as headquarters and host institution. The dates are August 15 - 22. The second planning committee meeting will be held here on May 16.

TASK FORCE MEETS TO WORK ON FARM FAMILY BUSINESS BULLETIN

We were happy to have Hanchey Logue, Edna Troth, and E. A. Perragaux representing Alabama, Indiana, and Connecticut respectively, to advise with a committee here on a new bulletin, "Farm Training Business and 4-H Club Work." They were here April 28 and 29. The bulletin should be available this summer.

TRIBUTE TO 4-H

The May issue of Reader's Digest, page 144, mentions 4-H in a creditable way. See "The Other Side of the Picture."

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH - June 3 to 5

A cooperative venture--that's just about the only way to describe this conference where several States and several types of participating groups will share together. In fact, any interested young person may attend. South Dakota State College at Brookings will be host for 1955. Theme of the conference is "We Build the Ladder by Which We Rise." Workshop groups will be held on courtship and marriage, crafts, program planning, and party planning.

UNITED STATES ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

Oberlin, Ohio is to be host to the United States Assembly of Youth, September 8 to 13. This is the word we have received from Wallace Longshore of the National Social Welfare Assembly. No doubt, he will be sending announcements to each State Club Leader. The assembly is planned to be of interest to youth from ages 18 to 30. Relatively few rural youth attended the 1953 assembly in Michigan and the group recommended concerted effort to invite more rural participation for the 1955 meeting.

FARM-CITY WEEK, OCTOBER 23-30

Les Schlup has alerted us to tentative plans for a proposed Farm City Week observance in October. The idea is that business and farm leaders will team up in the program to create better understanding between town and country. Kiwanis International is taking the initiative in developing interest in such an observance.

We understand that tentative plans call for recommendation of a joint Congressional resolution and a Presidential proclamation designating farm-city week. It was also recommended that Kiwanis International call State meetings of interested groups to discuss the matter and arrange for ways of organizing interest at local levels. Any effort of this kind, it was stated, must be developed on a cooperative basis with full consideration of the interests of both urban and rural groups.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce is assuming the leadership for an international welfare project entitled, "Operation Brotherhood." This is an effort to provide medicines and other needed supplies to destitute persons in the southern portion of Vietnam. More information can be secured by mailing a postal card to Operation Brotherhood, 21st and Main, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

4-H FOODS WORKSHOP FOR FOUR STATES

Extension Nutritionists and State 4-H Staff members of four States are meeting at Pullman, Washington, May 9 and 10 to consider ways of improving 4-H foods programs and preparing more effective 4-H foods literature. Representatives of Washington, Idaho, Montana and California, plus Dr. Evelyn Blanchard and Fern Shipley of the Federal staff, are pooling their information and ideas.

CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

Here in Washington, on May 4, the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation sponsored a Conference on Youth "aiming at strengthening the interest of the various branches of the mass media in raising standards so as to become a source of inspiration and guidance for young people, exploring what can be done guiding youth toward careers in science and engineering and what is needed to solve the nation's scientific manpower shortage, attempting to affect juvenile delinquency by a concerted effort to increase the concern of parents for better use of leisure time by their children, attempting to strengthen the interests of the various mass media in presenting the lives of great Americans whose careers can serve as a healthy inspiration for our youth, and establishing National awards panels in the mass media." Participants included national civic, parent, educational, fraternal, veterans and service organizations. Members of our staff attended the conference.

EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW TO FEATURE 4-H

Good 4-H ideas from across the Nation will be brought together in the June issue of the Extension Service Review. Our thanks go to many of you for some excellent articles and to Editor Catherine Beauchamp and staff for their sincere interest. Won't you share with us any training or other opportunities you find in connection with this issue. We are already looking towards a 1956 4-H issue and your comments will be helpful.

TOOLS FOR THE JOB - Recently-issued bulletins

"Let's Demonstrate" is a new one in Pennsylvania. The authors have used as a basic suggestion for each demonstration: What, when, where, why, and how. This makes a very practical and usable method to provide ideas for club members interested in giving demonstrations.

"4-H Fun," issued by Georgia Extension Service during February, is compiled by M. L. Van Winkle, a member of the 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts Program Development Committee.

"Facts and Trends--Wisconsin 4-H Club Program 1954" is another of those good summaries intended for staff information and discussion.

"The 4-H Forester," a fine new publication in Oregon, is the first of a series of four major projects. This is truly a team work affair. The farm forestry specialist wrote the main part of the bulletin. He had cooperation of the entomologist and wildlife management specialists for the insects and wildlife sections. The illustrator for the Oregon State Board of Forestry did the illustrations.

"Have Fun With Foods" is the title of Utah's new project, developed for ten and eleven year old girls and boys. It is now issued in preliminary mimeographed form, with printing slated for later.

"Safety on Wheels" is an interesting new manual developed as a part of the Illinois 4-H Safety activity. It looks good. Perhaps you recall another excellent Illinois bulletin on safety, "Hazard Hunt," which was prepared last year.

"After High School What" and "Job Guide for Young Workers--1955 Supplement" are recent fine publications of the U. S. Department of Labor. Copies are enclosed for State and Assistant State Club Leaders.

Extension Television in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties is the title of a new study prepared by our Division of Extension Research and Training in cooperation with members of the Pennsylvania Extension staff. You will find many of the conclusions reached of interest in your own programs. (One copy for State Club Leader).

"Completion for What?" - A Look at Completion Procedures in 4-H Club Work is the subject of Paul C. Barker's study prepared in connection with his school work here this past year. Copies of the study are being sent to State and Assistant State Clubs with the usual training letter which comes to your State from our Division of Extension Research and Training. Your copy will reach you soon.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY MANUALS

Probably several States have developed good 4-H Sunday manuals--but our congratulations, at this point, go to North Carolina, South Dakota, and Montana for outstanding publications.

An interesting idea comes from Shasta County, California. The 4-H Clubs prepared a special sheet for use on Rural Life Sunday and contacted the various churches in the county about inserting it in church bulletins. One side of the sheet had the prayer given by Dr. E. W. Mueller at Club Congress a year ago. On the other side, the National 4-H Theme and Pledge were featured. Many of the pastors also used the prayer as a part of their service.

SHARING THE GOOD IDEAS FROM THE STATES

ALASKA - 4-H Round-Up

The 4-H Round-up program in Alaska will feature a talk by Madge J. Reese of the Federal Extension field staff. The anniversary theme is to be noted.

COLORADO - Recreation Helps to YFH

Colorado Young Farmers and Homemakers regularly receive an interesting letter from Les Osborn of the State Extension staff. It's full of timely information, in the areas where programs are being conducted, and serves also as an idea exchange. By request of the young farmers and homemakers, this letter will now have attached the "Colorado A & M Recreation Tip Sheet" prepared by Stew Case, Recreation Specialist.

HAWAII - Analyzing 4-H Programs

Staff and leaders throughout Hawaii have had a recent opportunity to appraise 4-H philosophies and methods, with the help of C. C. Lang of the Federal Extension staff. A whole series of workshop-type programs was conducted.

KANSAS - Discuss methods of judging

Kansas recently used a "public affairs" approach to discussing individual and group judging at the State Conference of Local Leaders. Both sides were presented.

MASSACHUSETTS - Careers

The eighth annual 4-H Teen-Tour, April 15, emphasized careers for girls. By their selection of tour opportunities the 300 girls indicated most attention to nursing and teaching. These two careers were far ahead of a dozen others on which information was also offered. The girls visited places which offer training for high school graduates. They also heard a speaker from the Educational Advisory Counselling Service of Boston.

MONTANA - Exchange with Canada

Four Montana Club members are announced to represent the State at the Junior 4-H Club Week in Alberta in July. This is an exchange of many year's standing.

NORTH CAROLINA - 4-H Program Recognized

A joint resolution in the North Carolina Senate and House recognized the record and achievement of the 4-H program in that State, in connection with the observance of National 4-H Club Week. Progress during the past 46 years leading to present achievements was noted.

OHIO - Recognizing Tenure of 4-H Leaders

"Symbols of Service" is the title of the recognition ceremony which honors leaders who have completed 5 to 25 years of service. Of the 775 leaders to receive such "clover award" recognition, 9 are honored for 25 years service, 26 for 20 years, 34 for 15 years, and 156 for 10 years. According to Hy Harshfield, average tenure of Ohio volunteer leaders has increased to 4 years, compared with 3 years in 1945.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Local Leader Event

State meeting of 4-H local leaders featured "Tooling Up for the Job." Included were Recreation, Leader Recognition, Extension Unity, Crafts, and dedication of Rast Hall. Some 165 leaders, agents and others attended at Camp Bob Cooper.

WISCONSIN - All-State 4-H Band and Chorus

Delegates to the 1955 State 4-H Club week will again be thrilled by hearing and seeing the All-State 4-H Band and Chorus. The goal is to have each county represented in both band and chorus by at least one representative. Members get special training opportunities under the direction of music specialists of the University.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

California announced several staff changes. Rudy Monosmith now has the title of Assistant Director. At the same time, Ruby Harris acquired the title of Program Director, 4-H.

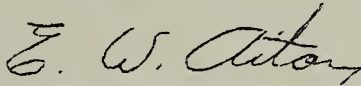
Marie Bishop is back at her post in Iowa, after a very profitable study leave.

We learn that Minnesota has recently appointed Earl S. Bergerud to the position of District 4-H Leader. He was formerly County Agricultural Agent of Isanti County.

A recent resignation is that of Ruth G. Upchurch of Missouri. This was effective in March.

Sincerely yours,

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